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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undeominated BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT, the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,
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Manager, Hongkong.

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HONGKONG—INTEREST CHARGED.
6% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.
6% on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.
7% on Current Account Overdrafts.
7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,500,000.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Interest for 12 months 5%.
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Current Accounts 2%.

For rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.
Hongkong, December 23, 1891. 2176

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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LONDON:
Head Office, 40 Threadneedle Street,
West End Office, 25 Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1523

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WALDBECK MACGREGOR &
Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
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Hongkong, August 14, 1891. 1612

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE A CHOICE STOCK OF
**WINES AND SPIRITS,
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THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY
the 16th Proxime, at 11 a.m., for the pur-
pose of considering the financial position
of the Company. SHAREHOLDERS are parti-
cularly requested to attend or to send
proxies.

Hongkong, December 30, 1891.

TURNER & CO.,
General Managers,
2403 THE LABUK PLANTING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE Second Annual MEETING of the
HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
will be held in the CITY HALL, on
TUESDAY, 12th January, 1892, at Noon.
The Hon. J. K. Keswick has kindly con-
vited to take the Chair. All are cordially
invited to be present.

Hongkong, December 28, 1891. 2302

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 15 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.
SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE
YANGTZE.

A SURVEY of a section of the Southern
Entrance to the Yangtze, extending
about 17 miles outwards from the Small
Kutuan Beacon, which was completed on
the 6th instant, proves that the "Middle
Ground," shown on the British Admiralty
Chart No. 4000 (corrected May, 1888),
has extended bodily in a north-easterly
direction to a distance varying from 3 to
5 miles, and in a north-westerly direction
about 2 miles; while to the south-west
it has joined with the flats extending
from the south-western shore of the
river.

Notice is hereby given, therefore, that,
on or about the 4th January, 1892, the fol-
lowing changes will be made, to suit the
alterations that have taken place in the
channel.

The Lightship Kutoan will be shifted 2½
cables to the N. 37° E. of her present
position where it will be about 3½ miles
N. 63° E. from the Kutuan Beacon.

The Middle Ground Buoy will be
shifted to a spot from which Haino Island
Sweeping Beacon lies N. 11° W. distant
about 2½ miles. This buoy in its new
position will mark the south-westerly or
port side of the channel entering. It will
be painted black and surmounted with a
black spherical cage.

The Middle Ground Upper Buoy will be
shifted to a spot from which Kintun Beacon
lies S. 12° W. distant about 3½ miles
where it will mark the port side of the
channel entering, and the north-westerly
and of the long tongue or shoal into which
the former Middle Ground has developed.
This buoy will be painted black and sur-
mounted by a black cylindrical cage.

The Middle Ground Lower Buoy will be
shifted to a spot from which a black
spherical cage, and to be known as
the South-east Kaili Buoy, will be moored
with Small Kutuan Beacon S. 37° W.
distant about 2½ miles of the outer or
seaward end of the South-western shore of
Blockhouse Shoal. This buoy will mark the starboard side
of the channel entering.

All bearing are magnetic.

A. M. BISBEE,
Compt. Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
Shanghai, 21st Dec., 1891. 2333

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

NOTICE

MY Son HENRY HUMPHREYS was
admitted into PARTNERSHIP with me
on the 1st day of JULY last.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, December 12, 1891. 2316

NOTICE

THE BUSINESS heretofore carried on
under the name of JNO. D. HUMPHREYS will
hereafter be conducted under the
name of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, December 12, 1891. 2316

NOTICE

THE Undersigned has this Day es-
tablished himself as AUCTIONEER
and GOODS BROKER.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, December 7, 1891. 2276

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

BY Order of the Court of Directors, I
have TAKEN OVER THE CHIEF
MANAGEMENT of the BANK.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1891. 2398

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

Intimations.

Mails.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
Chronometers, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.
**NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.**
VOIGTLANDER'S TELESCOPES,
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,
ADMIRALITY & MARINE CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.
English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
Chrystal & Co.'s ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in gold & silver.
D. I. M. O. N. D. S.
A. DIAMOND JEWELLERY.
A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.
NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL
AERATED WATER BOTTLES &
SYPHONS bearing the Company's NAME
and TRADE MARK are its property solely,
and that any Manufacturer using the same
or any Person or Persons other than the
Customers of the Firm found in possession
of the same will be proceeded against as
the law directs.
A. H. MANGELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1613

E. Kressmann, Bordeaux
The Undersigned hold STOCK of this
Firm's well-known BRANDS of
CIGARETTES:
Per Case of Per Case of
Medoc \$ 6.25 \$ 6.25
St. Julien 6.00 7.00
Margaux Medoc 8.00 —
Chateau Lafon Roche 11.50 12.50
St. Estephe 1883 12.50 —
Moulin Brilletto, Medoc 1880 12.25 —
Chateau Lancere, Mon- 14.25 —
lis 1878 —
Chateau Latour, Second 17.75 —
vin 1880 min en bouteilles au Chateau —
Chateau Lodielle, Barton 20.50 —
1880 —
Chateau La Lagune 1875 24.75 —
Chateau Calon Segur, St. 26.00 —
Estrophe 1875 —
SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, October 19, 1891. 1609

WING HONG,
TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
JUST RECEIVED
A LARGE STOCK OF
FLANNELS, SERGES, SCOTCH
TWEEDS, CHINSE SILKS.
All Kinds of
WINTER WOOLEN CLOTHS on hand.
SELLING AT LOWEST PRICES, **also**,
EXTRA TAILOR WORK AND PERFECT FIX
GUARANTEED.
Please call in and try.
68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 2060

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.
Mrs. FALCONER has VACANCIES
for GENTLEMEN RESIDENT BOARDERS,
at Kowloon, Victoria View.
Hongkong, July 15, 1891. 1388

**BALL PROGRAMMES
FOR SALE.**
IN NEW STYLES AND PATTERNS.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE,
5, WINDHAM STREET.

INSURANCES.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS of FIRE at Current Rates.
**NORTON & CO.,
Agents.**
Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

**THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

The Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are
prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the
extent of \$100,000 on First-class Risks at
current rates.

DUNN, MELBYE & CO.
Hongkong, September 12, 1891. 1602

Mails.
NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,

MADRAS, CALOUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

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LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1892, at noon, the Company's S.S. **STUTTGART**, Capt. W. Y. SCHICKMANN, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at **GEOA**.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 5 p.m. on the 15th January. Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 16th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents of Packages required.

The Steamer has spacious Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

**MELCHIOR & CO.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, December 21, 1891. 2353

SAILOR'S HOME.

A NY. Cast-iron CLOTHING Boxes, or

PARCELS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Address: Care of SUPERINTENDENT.

Shipping Orders will be granted till

Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. and Parcels until 2 p.m. on the 12th January, 1892. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1891. 2402

Mails.

To-day's Advertisements.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL.)

Express of Japan [Tuesday Jan. 5, 1892]

Express of China [Tuesday Feb. 2, 1892]

Express of India [Tuesday March 2, 1892]

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THE CHINA MAIL.

which the interests of the native merchant and Chinese laborer. It was with the former that the disturbances were dignified by the name of a rebellion, and a very uneasy feeling prevailed along the Yangtze Valley. In spite of Imperial edicts and everything else the dissemination of anti-foreign placards of the most abominable kind still continued. That these infamous publications had a great effect in stirring up the latent hostility to foreigners which exists in every Chinaman, is beyond all doubt. The outbreaks in Mongolia and North-East China, which occurred in November were somewhat different in character from the others. The former appeared to be the outcome of religious fanaticism while the latter resembled a bandit raid on a large scale. Report reports show that these outbreaks have been promptly dealt with, and although statements as to the achievements of the Imperial troops in defeating and sacking the insurgent bands must be taken with a good deal of reserve, there seems no reason to doubt that the "pacification" for the present at least, is complete.

The foreign trade of China, despite the decrease in the opium import, is steadily increasing. The opening of Chungking after two years' delay, will not help trade much, however, under the present conditions.

An event in the history of China during the past year in which we in Hongkong were deeply interested was the arrest of a number of the Namao pirates, including the ringleaders in that tragedy. They were brought to Kowloon City to be executed, and the grim spectacle was witnessed by a number of visitors from Hongkong.

HONGKONG.

In Hongkong it has been the year of Jubilee, and it was the irony of fate that the Colony should have to celebrate half a century of progress in what was perhaps the least progressive year of its whole history. It was also the year of the census. The report of the census returns published in August—a most exhaustive and interesting report—was the result of the most thorough attempt to number the people that has been made in the Colony. Former attempts happened to have been made at the time when a great number of the Chinese population were absent from the Colony on their annual visit to their ancestral homelands, and to make up for the deficiency 5 per cent. was added to the land population and 10 per cent. to the boat population. This was a rather unsatisfactory expedient. The last census showed beyond doubt the steady growth of the Colony. It showed that the population had been increasing at an average of 3.15 per cent. per annum, the increase in the last decade being next to the largest on record. From the report it appeared that the British Civil population had almost doubled since 1881, the increase being from 785 to 1448, an increase of 84.46 per cent. This increase fully contradicted the statement which had been made that the British population was being crushed out by the Chinese. The census, however, showed that the Chinese were displacing the Portuguese. One surprising result of the census was that what is called the non-asian foreign element was shown to be much smaller than was generally believed; the Germans, for example, only numbering 208, which was an increase of 80 since 1881. The Registrar General (the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart) pointed out in his very able report that the prejudices among the Chinese against bringing their wives and families to the Colony had all but disappeared, there being an undoubted increase of Chinese family life in the Colony in spite of a great rise of rents which had taken place during the past ten years.

Of legislative work the year has not been very fruitful. What will be regarded by most people as its most important results were the Sunday Cargoe Working Ordinance and Mr. Kenwick's Bill for the regulation of the sale of shares, both of which measures were warmly but unsuccessfully opposed. The opposition to the former came, of course, from the shipping firms of the Colony; while Mr. Kenwick's Share Bill was opposed mainly by the Shareholders' Association, who put forward as an alternative suggestion that all brokers be compelled to take out licenses, and that none be granted a license who was not a member of an association whose rules should be approved by the Governor. These rules, it is understood, included the prohibition of signing for the concerned. A great deal of the time of the Council was taken up in discussing the military contribution. The non-official members made a most determined and praiseworthy stand against the enormous increase. The opposition was, of course, ineffectual, but it is to be hoped it showed the Colonial Office at least that the Colony is not in a position to bear the very heavy burdens which it has been sought to impose upon it. Sir William De Vos, between whom and the majority of the unofficial members of the Council the relations were somewhat strained, left the Colony in May, and the administration was carried on from that period until the close of the Session in August by Major-General Digby Barker. It may be remarked that the session was one of the longest on record, having lasted from the beginning of October, 1890. On the Council re-assembling in the third week of October, the Acting Governor, in a message reviewing the position of the Colony, stated that the revenue of the current year

was likely to exceed the estimated sum, that the balance over ordinary expenditure would be probably \$250,000, and the expenditure on public works \$300,000, showing a deficit of \$200,000, which, however, was covered by the balance in hand at the beginning of the year. He stated that an annual expenditure of \$500,000 on public works for the next five years was contemplated. His Excellency said the amount would be made up from land premiums and additional revenue from remunerative public works, but that a loan might be necessary. He announced the intention to proceed with the construction of a new gaol, a proposal which afterwards called forth a great deal of opposition and which is still under discussion. His Excellency remarked that the new Gambling Ordinance had greatly checked gambling in the Colony, and that in response to the request of the Governor the Chinese authorities had made a show of closing the gambling houses in Kowloon but that these places were in full swing again. His Excellency also spoke of taking some steps to increase the interest in the Volunteer movement which had been languishing for the past few years. In the Estimates submitted to a subsequent meeting of Council the revenue for the coming year was estimated (including \$100,000 land premium) at \$2,144,178, being \$150,000 over this year's revised Estimate. The increase was anticipated mainly from the opium licence, which is expected to yield \$510,000. This means a higher bid for the Farm than has yet been obtained. Most of the other items of revenue showed a slight decrease. The ordinary expenditure was estimated at \$1,767,643 and the extraordinary expenditure at \$860,078, the aggregate being \$3,427,721, showing a deficit of nearly \$300,000. The ricksha farm which was then proposed was expected to yield \$25,000 more than was obtained for licences. This proposal, however, was afterwards withdrawn, but the cost of the licences was doubled. On the Estimates going into Committee the unofficial members opposed many of the votes without success, and the feeling that the government of the Colony costs far too much was freely expressed. Mr. Whitehead at a subsequent meeting of the Council proposed a resolution for the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the whole question of the cost of the administration; needless to say the resolution was lost. The question of the new gaol, which it has been said is still under discussion, will have to be settled soon, and it is desirable that the scheme for extending the present gaol will be substituted for the extravagant and uneconomical proposal of the erection of a new gaol. His Excellency Sir William Robinson, the new Governor, having only arrived in the Colony on the 10th of this month, no meeting of the Legislative Council has been held under his presidency.

Among the local events of commercial importance during the year was the establishment of the National Bank of China which has now found a local habitation here. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in August last reduced its rates of interest on deposits from 5 per cent. to 4½ per cent. and the interest on loans against shares with full margin to 6 per cent. Many of the results of the speculation mania from which the Colony has been suffering for the last two years have been seen in cases in the Law Courts during the present year. One of the victims, Mr. Routhamjee, was sent to prison for six months, on the termination of his banking procedure, for rash and hazardous speculation. Another well-known resident who may also be classed as a victim of the same mania, is Mr. E. L. Woodin, who was sentenced the other day to six years' imprisonment for embezzlement, falsification of accounts, and forgery. The failure of the old-established firm of Messrs Russell & Co. was one of the regrettable incidents in the commercial history of the year.

The sudden death of the Hon. Samuel Brown, Surveyor General, which occurred on board the P. & O. s. *Azores*, while returning to Hongkong from a visit to Japan, was an event much deplored in the Colony, for although Mr. Brown was not regarded as an ideal Surveyor-General he was held in high esteem for his personal qualities. Mr. Brown's death the direction of the Public Works Department was placed in the able hands of the Hon. F. A. Cooper.

One of the topics of the year which has occasioned a good deal of feeling and which we must not overlook was the Chinese Consulate question. The proposal to establish a Chinese Consulate in Hongkong, which was made by Lord Knutsford early in the year, was received here with surprise and indignation, and a strong opposition was at once formed against it. An indignation meeting was about to be held to protest against the innovation, when welcome information was received from home stating that the proposal had been dropped.

Throughout the year the weather has been somewhat unusual. Up till May fears of a water famine were entertained, but a heavy fall of rain during that month partially relieved anxiety as to dearth of water. Since then not only have all fears of scarcity of water been removed, but the record of the rainfall is the highest in the history of the Colony. On the 19th of July the Colony was visited by a small typhoon which, besides doing considerable damage to Chinese craft, etc., caused the sounding

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Such is a brief review of the local events of the year 1891. It is very natural to say, after an unpropitious year, that the next year must be better. In the words of the poet, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and the disappointment of the past year will not prevent our readers from looking forward to what we heartily wish.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

TELEGRAMS.

[SURRENDER TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Via Southern Line.)

ACCIDENT TO PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

LONDON, 29th December, 1891.
Prince Christian, when shooting at Osborne, was shot by the Duke of Connaught in the left eye, which has since been removed.

OBITUARY.

Sir Wm. A. White, Ambassador at Constantinople.

(From *Penang Gazette*.)

THE DISTRESS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 16th December.—Small-pox and typhus fever are decimating ten of the famine-stricken provinces of Russia.

A RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 7th December.—The Czar of Russia has received a nihilist proclamation, demanding a Russian Parliament.

IRISH FACTION FIGHTS.

Serious riots have occurred at Waterford and Ennis, between the Parnellites and Anti-Parnellites.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUM. CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Colombo, *Foyle*, Nov. 13; Shasi, 21; *Ho-Sang*, 27; *Patroclus*, Dec. 1; *Strathaven*, 8; *Benalder*, *Charter Tower*, 11; *Przemysl*, *Kastet*, 16; *Ainsdale*, *Bellona*, *Moray*, 18; *Neptune*, *Saghalien*, *Titan*, 22.

HOWARD BOUND.—*Macleod*, Nov. 17; *Europa*, 24; *Archies Rosia*, Dec. 1; *Hibe*, 4; *Glenroy*, 8; *Katow*, *Loetzen*, 11; *Polyphemus*, *Sachsen*, *Sarpedon*, *Yorkebank*, *Hawkins*, 15; *Borsig*, *Mymidon*, 22.

The M. Co.'s steamship *Sydney* with the French Mail of the 27th Nov., left Saigon on Monday, December 28, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, Jan. 4.

The P. & O. s. *Maltese*, with the English Mail of Dec. 4th, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 29th December, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th Jan. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 21st.

The E. & A. Co.'s a. a. *Guthrie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on Dec. 22nd, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 31st.

The German steamer *Nicks* left Singapore for this port on December 25th, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about January 1st, 1892.

The a.s. *Wingfield*, from Straits and Colombo, left Saigon for this port on the 28th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Jan.

The Shire Line steamship *Verdignards* left Singapore on the 27th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 3rd Jan.

The steamer *Arrivon* departs, with mails &c., from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 30th Dec., and may be expected here on or about Jan. 4.

The Glen Line steamship *Glenavon*, from London, left Singapore on Dec. 30th, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 3.

The steamer *Avalon* departs, with mails &c., from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 30th Dec., and may be expected here on or about Jan. 3.

The P. & O. s. *Azores* left Bombay for this port on Dec. 25th Dec.

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PRINCE HENRY D'ORLEANS arrived here on the French Mail to-day.

There will be no issue of the *China Mail* to-morrow, New Year's Day.

THE delivery of the French Mail was begun at 6.45 p.m.

We understand that the time for receiving tenders for the Opium Farm has been extended.

THE HON. F. G. Fleming, Colonial Secretary, is coming out in the next *Em* press steamer, which is expected here in about a week.

This evening a midnight service will be held in St. Paul's College Chapel. Service will commence at eleven o'clock.

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Mr. F. Fleming is spoken of by the *World Times* as a like successor to the late Sir Frederick Dickeon, Colonial Secretary of the Straits. His death is announced in the *Times* as follows:

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 9025.—DECEMBER 31, 1891]

Mails.

Intimations.

I took Cold.
I took Sick.
I took

SCOTT'S EMULSION

RESULT:

I take My Meats.

I take My Rest.
AND I AM GOING ENOUGH TO TAKE
ANYTHING ELSE, CAN LAY MY HANDS ON;
SUCH TESTIMONY IS NOTHING NEW.

THIS PAMPHLET IS DOING WONDERS
DAILY; THREE TIMES AS ATTRACIOUS

AS PLAIN OIL. TAKE NO OTHER.

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NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
PENDULAR, Upto. LOGON, with Her
Passenger Mail will be despatched from
LONDON, with BOMBAY and
SULEMANAL, on THURSDAY, 7th
January, 1892, at noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Parcels and Spices (Gold) at the Office

until 5 p.m.—the day before sailing.

Bulk and Valuables for Europe will be
despatched in Gold.

General Cargo

in London will be shipped in Bomby,

with transhipment, arriving one week

later than by the ordinary direct route to

Columbus. Tea will be sent either via Bon-

bay or Colombo according to arrangement.

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TION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

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Shippers are particularly requested to

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pany's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bags

can do so on application at the Com-

pany's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers

for MARSEILLE.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, December 30, 1891.

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